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SUBJECT: MAIN POINTS AT ISSUE IN CYPRUS PEACE TALKS

1. BRITISH EMBASSY ADVISED DEPARTMENT TODAY THAT ACCORD-
ING TO THE UK DELEGATION IN GENEVA THE MAIN POINTS
AT ISSUE IN THE WORKING LEVEL DRAFTING COMMITTEE MEETING
IN GENEVA ARE AS FOLLOWS:

A. TURKISH INSISTENCE ON REFERENCE TO THE 1960 TREATY
OF GUARANTEE AND THEIR RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS UNDER IT
AND GREEK OPPOSITION THERETO.

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B. THE DEMARCATION OF THE "BUFFER ZONE" WITH THE TURKS

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INSISTING THAT IT MUST ALL BE OUTSIDE TURKISH-HELD TERRITORY.

C. THE PRECISE ROLE OF UNFICYP WITH THE TURKS SEEKING TO REDUCE IT TO A MINIMUM. THIS PROBLEM CROPS UP IN A VARIETY OF PLACES IN THE DRAFT.

D. FIRM TURKISH OPPOSITION TO ANY SUGGESTIONS THAT THE LEVEL AND RE-SUPPLY OF THEIR FORCES IN CYPRUS SHOULD BE SUBJECT TO ANY FORM OF CONTROL EXCEPT IN THE CONTEXT OF A LASTING SOLUTION.

E. TURKISH INSISTENCE THAT ALL TURKISH ENCLAVES NOW

OCCUPIED BY GREEK OR GREEK-CYPRIOT FORCES MUST BE IMMEDIATELY RETURNED TO TURKISH CONTROL AND THE TURKS ARE UNWILLING TO ENVISAGE ANY CORRESPONDING TERRITORIAL CONCESSIONS ON THEIR PART.

F. TURKISH INSISTENCE THAT PROVISIONS FOR FREE CIRCULATION, RETURN OF REFUGEES AND SO ON SHOULD BE ONESIDED, WITH THE TURKS RESERVING THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ENTRY AND/OR RETURN TO GREEK CYPRIOTS WISHING TO ENTER TURKISH-HELD TERRITORY.

G. CONTROL OF THE AIRPORT.

H. THE TURKS ARE PREDICTABLY REFUSING TO COMMIT THEMSELVES TO ANY FORMULATION IN REFERRING TO THE WITHDRAWAL OF FOREIGN FORCES FROM CYPRUS.

2. BRITISH REPORT SAID THAT IT IS CLEAR THAT SUCH CONCESSIONS AS WERE MADE IN THE WORKING GROUP CAME FROM THE GREEKS. THE TURKISH REPRESENTATIVE IS SAID TO HAVE ADMITTED THAT TURKISH FORCES HAVE NOT ADHERED TO THE CEASE-FIREBUT ASKED THAT THE BRITISH MAKE EFFORTS TO STOP GREEK-CYPRIOT SNIPERS, WHOSE ACTIVITIES GIVE GROUNDS FOR CONTINUED TURKISH MILITARY ACTION. THE BRITISH ROLE WAS DESCRIBED AS THE UNREWARDING ONE OF HONEST BROKER.

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3. DESPITE THE DIFFICULTIES SET FORTH ABOVE, THE BRITISH FELT THAT THE DISCUSSIONS WERE PROCEEDING FAIRLY WELL ON THE AGREED TEXT OF THE SCOPE OF THE SECOND STAGE OF NEGOTIATIONS. THIS RELATIVELY OPTIMISTIC APPRAISAL WAS SUBJECT TO THE PROVISO THAT THE TURKS DROP A HIGHLY SELECTIVE LIST OF POINTS FROM THE CYPRIOT CONSTITUTION WHICH THEY WISH TO SEE ATTENDED TO. THE TURKISH DELEGATE CLAIMED THAT HE WAS TRYING TO GET FOREIGN MINISTER GUNES

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TO AGREE TO DROP THIS POINT.

4. THE BRITISH INDICATED THEY HAD HEARD THE TURKS WERE "FULMINATING QUITE UNFAIRLY" ABOUT THE GREEK PERFORMANCE. THEY CONCLUDED THAT IT MIGHT BE A TACTICAL PLOY AND AS FAR AS THE BRITISH ARE AWARE HAS NOT BEEN EXTENDED TO INCLUDE THE UK PERFORMANCE.

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